#### BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of the California-American Water Company (U210W) for an Order Authorizing it to Increase its Rates for Water Service in its Monterey Division to Increase Revenues by \$5,725,300 or 22.47% in the Year 2003; \$1,772,100 or 6.94% in the Year 2004; and \$996,500 or 3.02% in the Year 2005.

Application 02-04-022 (Filed April 15, 2002)

# ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING REQUIRING CALCULATIONS FOR PROPOSED DECISION

This general rate case proceeding was submitted for decision on September 9, 2002. The principal hearing officer's proposed decision attached to this ruling contains a complete determination of all known issues, but has blanks in the decision text for certain figures and lacks Appendices A through D. When those figures and appendices are available, they will be inserted and the proposed decision filed and made public for comments as required by Pub. Util. Code § 311(d).

This ruling directs the two principal parties having presented detailed results of operations showings, California-American Water Company and Office of Ratepayer Advocates, to confer and jointly prepare and file the mutually-agreed upon figures and appendices needed to complete the proposed decision. Other parties are allowed, but not required, to participate. In addition to meeting the filing requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure,

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parties are to forward electronic copies of the appendices to the assigned Administrative Law Judge by e-mail attachment.

Further, it is anticipated that having this advance copy of the proposed decision may lessen the time required for parties to prepare their comments. CalAm is invited to discuss with the other parties whether they would be willing to stipulate to reducing or waiving the 20-day comment period (Article 19 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure) and the 30-day waiting period otherwise required under § 311(d). If all parties agree, they should so communicate to the assigned Administrative Law Judge in writing.

Therefore, **IT IS RULED** that California-American Water Company and Office of Ratepayer Advocates shall jointly prepare and file the figures and appendices needed to complete the attached proposed decision as soon as possible, but not later than December 2, 2002, following the guidelines set forth in the body of this ruling.

Dated November 18, 2002, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ JAMES C. MCVICAR

James C. McVicar

Administrative Law Judge

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Requiring Calculations for Proposed Decision on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated November 18, 2002, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ TERESITA C. GALLARDO
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